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UNIVERSITY OF MAINE
BOARD OF TRUSTEES

February 28, 1973
Bangor, Maine

PUBLIC MEETING

Subject to confirmation

PRESENT: Chairman L. M. Cutler, V. P. Currier (left early), J. C. Donovan, S. J. Evans, R. N. Haskell, S. T. Hughes, C. R. McGary, K. H. Ramage (left early), C. D. Reed, W. G. Robertson, Mrs. J. Sampson and Clerk J. R. Magill. Absent: Miss L. M. Cormier, J. H. Page, and N. Y. Wessell. One Vacancy. STAFF: D. R. McNeil, S. L. Freeman, H. L. Fowle, A. S. Buswell, W. P. Fridinger, L. J. Jewett, S. F. Salwak, R. J. Spath, J. M. Clark (UMO), A. J. Mraz, F. S. McGuire, R. A. Eustis, G. Shur, W. N. Robersen; the press and the public.

Chairman Cutler convened the meeting and welcomed Trustee Currier who has recuperated from an extended illness. The Chairman also acknowledged Dr. McNeil's upcoming fourth anniversary as Chancellor of the University.

The Chancellor briefed the Trustees on the current status of legislative matters and Mr. Fowle reported that he had testified at a hearing on a bill that would add the University to the Maine School Building Authority. Mr. Fowle expressed doubt that the measure would be adopted.

Proposed Legislation. The staff requested ratification of several proposals to correct existing statutes to improve University operations. Vice Chancellors Fowle and Freeman outlined the individual items and on motion of Mr. Haskell which was seconded, the Board

VOTED: to give consent and support to proposed legislative changes pending in the Legislature:

- 1) to provide for the Treasurer of the University of Maine to issue complete financial reports to the Governor, the Council and to the Board on an annual rather than semi-annual basis.
- 2) to make it possible for the University to convey property which is no longer needed by the University.
- 3) to clarify the role of the Advisory Committee for the Maine Public Broadcasting Network and to establish that the committee is advisory, only.
- 4) to eliminate a requirement for Executive Council approval of University contracts with private colleges for educational services.

The Chancellor announced that the ad hoc committee on Legislative Affairs would meet with the Committee on Education on March 6 to brief them on the University programs; the entire Board is welcome and invited to attend.

Health Education. Vice Chancellor Freeman presented a detailed review of the University's commitment to health education which included a survey of Trustee actions which established priorities, a re-cap of programs developed and initiated, and a summary of the estimated loss of revenue projected for the 1973/74 academic year due to curtailment of federal funding along with an appraisal of the probable impact of reductions on potential programs. Dr. Freeman also reported on the progress of recruitment of a health coordinator, the AHEC program at Tufts University and the current status of medical education planning.

Some federally subsidized programs, or portions thereof, are to be phased out but funds are currently available to continue several health-related projects and Dr. Freeman requested authorization for the University to assume operational responsibility for these, with no financial obligation to the institution. The specific projects were presented and discussed individually. On motion of Mr. Haskell, which was seconded, it was

VOTED: the Board of Trustees authorizes the staff and legal counsel to negotiate and the Treasurer to execute a contract for the operation of Project No. 28 Health Science Education in the so-called MEHEIA program, contingent upon the receipt of federal funds.

It was moved, seconded and

VOTED: the Board of Trustees authorizes the staff and legal counsel to negotiate and the Treasurer to execute a contract for the operation of Project No. 29 Family Practice Residency in the so-called MEHEIA program, contingent upon the receipt of federal funds.

On motion of Mr. Haskell, which was seconded and amended, it was

VOTED: Whereas the State of Maine urgently needs the health education and services proposed in the program known as Maine Health Education in Action, and
Whereas certain of the MEHEIA projects have been established as contractual agreements, and
Whereas, the management of these contracts by Maine's RMP is jeopardized by HEW decisions to drop RMP, and
Whereas, the University of Maine has a permanent business operation capable of maintaining fiscal accountability for a wide range of educational projects, and

Whereas the Trustees of the University of Maine have voted to establish the position of Coordinator of Health Science Education which can maintain professional supervision of health related programs,
Therefore, be it resolved by the Board of Trustees of the University of Maine that they enthusiastically endorse the educational concept and objectives of MEHEIA, and

Be it further resolved, that the University will accept management responsibility for all contracts present and future which are or may be authorized and signed for fulfillment of the objectives of MEHEIA under the June 26, 1972 approved supplemental funding of Maine RMP in the amount of \$1,500,545, contingent upon receiving federal funds, and

Be it further resolved that the University will continue work toward the objectives of MEHEIA.

During discussion of the MEHEIA projects, questions were raised about the nature of the projects and it was determined that these are allied health programs similar to those with which the University has been involved for some time and are clearly distinct from programs which are still in the planning stage in the medical education field. Implementation of the latter will depend upon legislative approval of the University's appropriation request to the 106th Legislature. Mr. Haskell was supportive of the concept of University participation to improve delivery of health care in Maine but he thought it desirable also to reaffirm the University's commitment to traditional academic disciplines. Mr. Reed moved adoption of a resolution presented by Mr. Haskell which was seconded, discussed, and

ADOPTED: Resolved, that the Board of Trustees reaffirms a policy that its primary responsibility is to provide adequate higher educational opportunities at each of the facilities operated by the University.

Institute for Health Sciences. Vice Chancellor Freeman presented a draft proposal to establish a University Institute of Health Sciences which was designed to provide, among other things, a mechanism for coordination of health sciences education and planning, and a structure for collaboration among the University, the hospitals, health corporations, and other university medical schools. Dr. Freeman responded to questions and the proposal was discussed. On motion of Mr. Robertson which was seconded, the Board voted to accept the report of the Vice Chancellor and to take no action on the proposal until the next meeting.

Sea Grant Progress. Dr. Freeman reported briefly on Sea Grant activity which is proceeding at Orono and Darling Center and which may culminate some years hence in designation of UMO as a Sea Grant College.

Faculty Personnel Policies. There was discussion of a series of questions which have caused some confusion in the implementation of the Sept/Nov. 1972 Trustee guidelines on faculty personnel policies. Vice Chancellor Freeman elaborated on the specific issues and reported on the nature of his advice and counsel to Campus administrators. There was consensus that his interpretation was accurate and consistent with the Board's policy and intent. A copy of the specific questions is appended to the file of these minutes.

University Compensation for Community Services. Vice Chancellor Fowle announced that civic and municipal groups, among others, have become active on the issue of compensation from tax exempt institutions for community services and he requested Board reaction to the possibility of a study to gather more information on the subject. There was consensus that the University should make an effort to pay its way. It was understood that the staff will appoint a task force to determine the University's impact, both positive and negative, on local communities in which there are campuses of the University.

Campus Radio Station - UMEK. Dr. Freeman reported that President Spath had authorized a carrier current radio system for the Fort Kent Campus. The system does not require FCC licensing and this item was offered for information only. A cable company has been authorized to carry local programs and Dr. Freeman noted that any proposal for cable company transmission of campus originations would be subject to Board review and approval.

Report of the Chancellor. Dr. McNeil briefed the Board on the current status of legislative matters, BEW investigations, Maine Management and Cost Survey Commission, and federal budget impact on student aid funds and other University programs. The Chancellor was authorized to disclose the implications of reduced federal funding at the University's Part II budget hearing and to seek adjustments to the requested appropriations to offset the loss of federal revenue.

The Chancellor reported on the progress of the presidential searches at UMO and UMP-G and the Trustees indicated they wished to interview the two or three final candidates for each position.

The Chancellor announced that UMP-G and the State Department of Education were working together to extend the resources of the University, VTIs and private colleges into York County and provide a range of educational services for that area. Mr. Hughes raised questions about the selection of York County rather than the Lewiston/Auburn area as a first priority and inquired about a recent study of community college needs in Lewiston and Auburn. He expressed concern that Board priorities not be circumvented by availability of grant funds to subsidize pilot projects. The staff will procure copies of the Lewiston/Auburn study for circulation to the Board and the Chancellor will prepare a review of the community college movement for the March meeting.

After a recess for lunch, Chairman Cutler reconvened the meeting.

Allagash Translator - MPBN. Dr. Freeman reported that the Maine Public Broadcast Network proposes to construct a translator in Allagash, Maine to provide an Educational Broadcasting Service to SAD 10 and to the citizens of the town. On motion of Mr. Haskell which was seconded, it was

VOTED: to authorize submission of an application to the Federal Communications Commission for the construction of a translator in Allagash, Maine.

HEP Commission Report. With Mrs. Sampson serving as discussion leader the Board began its formal consideration of Higher Education Planning for Maine. It is expected that there will be a series of discussions to treat the individual goals and objectives at some length. At the request of Mrs. Sampson, Dr. Freeman outlined the substance of Chapter Two which focuses on the nature of the University, and he was directed to prepare a summary statement on Chapter Two for the Board to discuss at the next meeting. There was further consideration of the goals and objectives recommended in the Report and after discussion, it was agreed that each Board member would forward comments on these to Dr. Freeman who would disseminate a composite listing of comments received in advance of the next meeting to serve as the framework for the next discussion of the series. Chairman Cutler will notify Judge Frank E. Coffin, Chairman of the HEP Commission, that the Trustees will be studying the Report, and express the Board's appreciation for his leadership of the Commission.

Auxiliary Enterprise Budgets. On motion of Mr. Haskell which was seconded and discussed, it was

VOTED: to approve the 1973/74 Auxiliary Enterprise Budgets (except Dining-Residence Operations) as submitted, a copy of which is appended to the file of these minutes.

REPORT OF COMMITTEES.

Physical Plant Committee. In the absence of Chairman Page, Mr. Ramage reported for the Committee. There were no items from the Committee agenda which required action. Mr. Ramage reported that the capital construction status report had been reviewed and that preliminary planning and design documents were examined for the Physical Education Building, UMFK, and the Library Building, UMP1. Final plans for both buildings will be presented for approval at a future meeting. The Committee has completed two more visitations, UMA and UMP-G, and reports on these will be presented at a later date.

Educational Policy Committee. Chairman Sampson and members of the Committee reported on the Committee's visitation to the Machias Campus.

Student Affairs Committee. Chairman Donovan reported that the Committee had met with members of UMOSG to discuss student affairs

topics and he announced that the Committee would conduct a public hearing on a proposal from the Maine Public Interest Research Group, on March 27.

Ad hoc Committee on Honorary Degrees. Chairman Donovan reported that the Committee had met to review the policies and guidelines for honorary degrees and he moved adoption of two amendments

- 1) to include a specification that honorary degrees not be awarded to University staff or Trustees until their association with the University has terminated, and
- 2) to remove the implication that Campus screening committees should be composed only of faculty.

The motion was seconded, discussed and VOTED. An amended copy of the policies and guidelines is appended to the file of these minutes.

Acceptance of Gifts. On motion of Mr. Robertson, which was seconded, it was voted to accept with appreciation all gifts, grants and awards listed under date of February 28, 1973.

On motion of Mr. Haskell which was seconded, it was

VOTED: to establish the Agricultural Club Scholarship at the University of Maine at Orono which is a gift of the Agricultural Club. The income from this fund is to be awarded annually to any student on the Orono Campus enrolled in a two- or four-year degree program in the College of Life Sciences and Agriculture. The recipient is to be selected by the College Scholarship Committee on the basis of financial need, character, leadership, and satisfactory scholastic attainment.

On motion of Mr. Haskell which was seconded, changes in the terms of two existing funds were ACCEPTED. The amended fund descriptions are provided herewith:

The Class of 1931 Scholarship Fund (formerly a loan fund) was established at the University of Maine at Orono by the Class of 1931 on the occasion of its 40th reunion. The income from this fund is to be used for students with demonstrated financial need, first preference to be given to descendants of the Class of 1931. The fund shall be administered by the Office of Student Aid.

The Winthrop C. and Elizabeth T. Libby Student Assistance Fund was established in 1973 in the name of the eleventh president of the University of Maine at Orono and his wife with gifts from several individuals. The income from this fund is available annually to the Student Aid Office to be used at their judgment to meet emergency and critical financial needs of Orono campus students when such needs cannot be met through the regular student aid process.

Committee Appointments. On motion of Dr. Donovan which was seconded it was

VOTED: to ratify the Chairman's appointment to Board committees, as follows:

Professor Janet M. Kulberg to the Student Affairs Committee.

Mr. Kenneth H. Ramage to the Joint Committee with the State Board of Education.

The next meeting of the Board will be held on March 27-28, 1973.

Adjournment.

JoAnne R. Magill
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Clerk, Board of Trustees